

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

ITEM

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DECISION

TOPIC

**Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area, Webster County – Kirby
Schmidt et al**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to purchase a parcel of land located in Webster County surrounded on three sides by state-owned and managed Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area. Kirby Schmidt, Koleen Hoffman, Kristy Kaufman, Karilyn Schliesman, and Konnie Kennicker offer this 40-acre tract for the appraised price of \$106,000.

Robert Davis, Licensed Appraiser of Nevada, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Rick Hansen negotiated the purchase agreement.

This property is located about 3 miles northwest of Stratford in southeastern Webster County. The tract reflects moderately sloping to steep topography. The property consists of forested land, except for a small open area in the northwest portion of the property. The Des Moines River is about 1/8th of a mile east of the property. A small, old "A"-frame cabin is considered personal property. A county road provides access along the entire west side of the property.

This aesthetic tract will increase the Boone Forks Wildlife Management Area to over 4,100 acres, and will provide wildlife habitat, protection of the Des Moines River (water quality), and enhance public recreation to this area. The Wildlife Bureau will manage the property in accord with the area management plan.

Funding for this acquisition will be provided as follows: \$53,000 REAP License Plate; \$43,000 Wildlife Habitat Stamp; and \$10,000 National Wild Turkey Federation. No survey or fencing costs is anticipated. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

Attachment

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Management Services Division
September 13, 2007

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**TOPIC Waubonsie State Park, Fremont County -- Anthony and Sherry
 Pitzen**

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to accept the donation of a permanent easement for the purpose of a road right-of-way into the southwest side of the WaShawtee addition to Waubonsie State Park. Anthony (Tony) and Sherry Pitzen offer to donate a 0.70 acre permanent easement and a 0.02 acre temporary easement for construction for a new road in exchange for the state providing a concrete driveway extending from the proposed road to their existing driveway at their residence.

Rick Hansen negotiated the agreement.

This property is located at the end of WaShawtee Road, a maintained county road in southeastern Fremont County. Currently the state has legal access into WaShawtee addition to Waubonsie State Park via ½ of a narrow strip of gravel surface formerly known as Militia Hollow Road. Said road was vacated and closed by Fremont County in 1989, leaving a 923-foot stretch of access lane between the end of county maintained WaShawtee Road and the entrance to the former Girl Scout Camp land. Tony and Sherry Pitzen took title to 1/2 of the vacated strip of road from the Girl Scouts in 2003. The DNR now wishes to provide for two-way traffic to and from the southwest part of the new addition to Waubonsie State Park, planning construction of a 20-foot wide road with 2-foot shoulders. The easement donation by the Pitzens will provide the property rights needed for construction of the new road.

This easement will become part of Waubonsie State Park, and will be managed by the Parks Division.

A survey of the easement for the roadway has been completed. Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department.

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